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SOLDIER SENTENCED

ST. PETER'S BIGAMY CHARGE

Sentence of a month's imprisonment was passed at the Kent Assizes at Maidstone on Monday on George Albert Fountain, a soldier, who was committed for trial by the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate on a charge of bigamously marrying Pamela Iris Farthing at St. Peter's Church on 29th December during the lifetime of his wife, Annie Clara Ellen Fountain.

At the police court hearing Miss Farthing, aged 25, a post office clerk, of St. Peter's, stated that defendant did not tell her he was married until after the wedding, which was postponed from Boxing Day until 29th December.

When charged, Fountain said "I plead guilty. I do not wish to make any statement."

MR. AND MRS. W. H. LAWRENCE

BROADSTAIRS GOLDEN WEDDING

Having lived since his retirement in 1921 at Broadstairs, where he was once inspector in charge of the local police, Mr. W. H. Lawrence and his wife celebrated their golden wedding at 31 Gladstone-road on Friday.

The son of a police officer, Mr. Lawrence served in the Kent County Constabulary for 32 years, and when he left Broadstairs, where he was stationed from 1910 to 1913, he became superintendent in charge of the Faversham Division until his retirement. His only son is an inspector in the Folkestone borough police force and the family's police service totals 173 years, four of Mr. Lawrence's brothers having also been members of the force.

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A prominent bowls player, Mr. Lawrence has held the singles championship of the Thanet League and the Broadstairs Bowling Club and has carried out the duties of secretary of both organisations. He is also a member of the Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence received many congratulations upon the celebration of their golden wedding.

A DECISIVE PART

TRIBUTE TO THE BUFFS

In fighting in Libya The Buffs, composed of Kent men to the extent of nearly 100 per cent., have maintained the glorious traditions of their regiment, the second oldest in the Army.

Although they suffered considerable casualties in a fierce action, in which they were opposed by a great weight of machinery and metal, The Buffs gave a brilliant account of themselves, and inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

Tribute to the heroic work of the battalion was paid in one of the official communiqués which stated:

"The Buffs . . . played the decisive part in finally defeating these German counter attacks, in which about 20 German tanks and a number of Axis aircraft were destroyed."

Actually this was the climax to several months' desert campaigning in which the enemy have learned to respect the fighting qualities of these lads from Kent.

Following this battle, which at the time was of inestimable value to the Eighth Army, The Buffs retired behind the lines to re-organise.

Now they are fully determined to continue adding to the almost countless laurels won by the regiment in its long and distinguished career, and to avenge the sons of the county who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Kent is justifiably proud of the deeds of The Buffs.

"Kent," journal of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men.

PRESS UPHELD

COUNTY COUNCIL DEBATE

With only three dissentients, the Kent County Council last week referred back a recommendation to withhold from the press the issue of the quarterly reports of committees until the day of the meeting.

The recommendation was brought forward by the committee of chairmen following the decision of the Court of Appeal regarding a case in which a Metropolitan Borough Council had posted up at the Town Hall and sent to the borough libraries copies of the report of a Committee of Inquiry. The Court of Appeal had held that the Council had no duty or interest so to publish the report.

Alderman Sir Charles Igglesden pointed out that the case in question had no bearing upon sending reports to the press. Publicity was made to all the public in the case quoted but in this instance it was a confidential matter that merely helped reporters to read through the reports and be conversant with the subjects to be discussed at the meetings. The law mentioned applied only to outside publicity.

Councillor B. J. Pearson (Broadstairs), with all due respect to the ruling of the Clerk, said he could not help thinking that to withhold the reports from the Press was placing its representatives at a very great disadvantage and was against the public interests. He felt that they should continue to follow the example of other authorities, such as the London County Council, and issue their reports to the press some days before the Council meetings were held.

Alderman E. S. Oak-Rhind, confessing that he had not at first appreciated the newspaper point of view, moved that the recommendation be referred back for further consideration.

Councillor P. L. Wells seconded the amendment.

Trusted by the Government.

Councillor the Rev. R. Burgess said he thought the Press to-day was a wonderful institution and they should not do anything to hinder journalists doing their work effectively. They were sent out to the Press most important documents days before publication with a note as to when publication might be made, and seldom did they hear of a mistake. Editors were responsible men and they knew that if they committed a breach of faith they would not get confidential reports in advance again.

Alderman Major C. E. Pym, who presided, said it was not a question of any newspaper having published anything that should not have been published but the question considered by the committee was the effect of this change of law. "To my mind," he said, "it is a most extremely irritating decision of the Court of Appeal and I would do all in my power to set it aside and assist the Press."

Councillor H. R. Pratt-Boorman, emphasising that a reporter who was not in possession of the minutes came to the meeting without any of the essential background to the discussions that might take place, said the whole matter was being taken up by the Institute of Journalists.

Alderman G. J. Gully, who had moved the adoption of the original recommendation, stated that the measure was not aimed at the Press.

Other members present at the meeting included Councillors T. H. Prestedge and J. Olby (Ramsgate), W. C. Redman and F. L. Pettman (Margate).

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of a Temporary Junior Assistant (male or female) in the Public Library.

Applicants must apply in handwriting and applications accompanied by copies of two recent testimonials must reach the undersigned endorsed "Library Assistant" on or before the 28th February, 1942.

Applicants must disclose in the application whether to their knowledge they are related to any member of or the holder of any senior office under the Council.

Canvassing will disqualify.

H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

Clarendon House.
20th February, 1942.

9½d. LESS

DROP IN COUNTY RATE

The Kent county rate for the coming year shows a decrease of 9½d. to 9s. 4d. in the £.

Broadstairs and St. Peter's urban district will enjoy the full benefit of the reduction but the reduction will affect Ramsgate and Margate to the extent of only 4½d. in the £.

The estimates presented to the County Council last week showed an increase which would normally have involved a jump of 2d. in the rates but the decrease was rendered possible by utilising accumulated balances representing a rate of 11·54d.

A penny rate for general county purposes is now estimated to yield £38,810, an increase on the preceding year of £201.

BROADSTAIRS RATES

TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

Subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, the Broadstairs general rate for the coming year will remain unchanged at 13s. 8d. in the £ and the water rate at 1s. 10d.

It was not anticipated in official circles that any reduction in the county rate would be reflected in the rate made by Broadstairs Council.

Broadstairs is one of the distressed coastal areas receiving assistance from the Government and when the assistance was announced it was more or less taken for granted that the then rate poundage would be stabilised for the duration of the war.

Broadstairs will, however, receive some benefit from the reduction of 9½d. in the county rate. A lesser proportion of the rates collected in Broadstairs will be payable to the County Council and the Government assistance necessary will be reduced by a corresponding amount.

Seventy-five per cent. of the Government assistance is in the form of a gift and 25 per cent. a loan, so the Council's indebtedness to the Government after the war will be reduced by the reduction in the county rate demand.

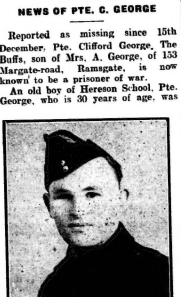
The Finance Committee of the Council met to consider the rate estimate last week and the matter is now in the hands of the Ministry of Health.

PRISONER OF WAR

NEWS OF PTE. C. GEORGE

Reported as missing since 15th December, Pte. Clifford George, The Buffs, son of Mrs. A. George, of 153 Margate-road, Ramsgate, is now known to be a prisoner of war.

An old boy of Hereson School, Pte. George, who is 30 years of age, was



on active service in the Middle East and it is thought that he took part in the Libyan campaign, in which The Buffs took such a prominent part, at heavy cost both to themselves and the enemy.

Before being called to the Forces in November, 1940, Pte. George was a lead-light designer employed by Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd.

CALGARY TO RAMSGATE

GIFT OF TRAILER KITCHEN

The latest addition to Ramsgate Council's fleet of vehicles for the service of the community in the event of an emergency is a mobile trailer kitchen.

The gift is being made to the town through the High Commissioner for Canada by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The trailer will be handed over on Thursday outside the Council Offices by Lt.-Col. D. C. Unwin-Simson, on behalf of the High Commissioner, who will be accompanied by Capt. G. R. McCall, representing the Regional Commissioner.

The gift will be received on behalf of the town by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe).

THEFT FROM CAFE

GIRL WHO KEPT COMPANY WITH SOLDIERS

A 19-year-old girl, who was stated to have been sleeping in the tunnels and associating with soldiers, appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

The girl, Dorothy Rose Piper, described as an unemployed waitress, of Waterloo-place, Ramsgate, was charged with stealing from Cave's Café, High-street, the sum of 2s. in money, the property of Our Dumb Friends League, between 13th and 17th February.

D/C Hopper said that at 2.45 p.m. on 17th February he went to Cave's Café where he found a collecting box had been forced open and the contents stolen. At 10.20 a.m. on Saturday, in company with D/C Honey, he saw defendant at an address in Waterlooplace. He told her he was making enquiries about money stolen from the collecting box and she at first denied all knowledge of it. Later she said "I forced the box open with a pair of scissors and got 2s. out of it."

The officer then read a statement made by defendant at the police station.

In the statement defendant said she had no fixed address but for the past three nights had stayed with friends at Waterloo-place. She was unemployed but until three weeks ago was working as a waitress at a café at Upstreet. When the café closed she had no other job to go to and did not wish to go to her parents at School-road, West Malling. She was at a loss to know where to go to but she came to Ramsgate at the beginning of February and was given a bunk at the Queen-street section of the tunnel shelter while her application was being considered. She slept in the tunnel until 14th February, when she was told she would have to find somewhere else to sleep. She did find somewhere else but she did not wish to say anything about it. She had no money coming in.

Paying For Her Lunch.

On Friday, 13th February, continued the statement, defendant went to Cave's Café and stayed there from 10.30 a.m. until 4 p.m. having a cup of coffee. The following day she again went to the café at 11 a.m. and had a cup of coffee in the upstairs room and paid for it at the time. At 1.10 p.m. she ordered a lunch. Although she only had sixpence left and knew it was not enough to pay for it. She was handed a bill for 2s. 10d. by the waitress and at 2 p.m. she went into the ladies' toilet room and saw a collecting box standing near the mirror. She pulled the label off the end and then prised the box open with a pair of scissors. She took out 2s. in coppers and put them in her handbag and when she left at 4 p.m. she paid the bill with the money. She put the box in a cupboard behind the lavatory.

Defendant, who was greatly distressed, said she had nothing to say except that she wanted to make a clean start.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the case would be adjourned for a month.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant wished to have taken into consideration the fact that she paid a further visit to the café and incurred a liability of 3s. 1½d.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) asked what was going to happen to defendant during the adjournment.

A Nuisance in the Tunnels.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said he hoped the girl would get work.

Defendant said she had no job to go to and no means.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said the girl had been a nuisance in the tunnels. She had no change of clothing and complaints had been made of her dirty condition and dirty linen. She had been reported for being in the company of soldiers. Defendant had stated that her parents lived at West Malling but police enquiries showed that there was no address such as she gave.

Defendant produced a letter from her step-mother giving the address but said she had not actually been there. She had been away from home since last August.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant had informed the police matron that she was in a certain condition.

Defendant said she had been to the Labour Exchange and hoped to get a job in a factory.

Miss Robinson, Probation Officer, said she had known defendant since September, 1939. She was very unsatisfactory then. It was the old trouble of staying out late at night. The girl was very untruthful. The last she knew of the girl's parents was when they were living at Monkton.

After Miss Robinson had talked to the girl, Mr. Knight said he understood she was now willing to go into an institution, where she would stay for a time.

The Chairman said on that understanding the case would be adjourned until 1st June.

Miss Robinson: I believe she could do well if she could only settle her mind to it.

REGISTRATION OF BOYS, 16-17

Arrangements have been made for boys aged 16-17 to register on Saturday next between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. at the following centres in the Ramsgate area:

Ramsgate—Juvenile Employment Bureau, Aysgarth, Carlton-avenue;

Broadstairs—St. Peter's C.E. Girls' School.

Boys who cannot attend in the afternoon may register in the morning between the hours of 9 and 11.

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DISTRICT TEMPLARS

TO MEET AT BROADSTAIRS

An invitation to hold the next session at Broadstairs in May was accepted at the quarterly meeting of the East Kent District Lodge of Good Templars held at Canterbury last week.

Among the Thanet delegates present were Mr. E. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jacobson, Mrs. H. Watt, Mrs. Larkins, Miss E. Coleman and Mrs. Lowe (Ramsgate), Mr. A. B. Impett, Mrs. Ware and Mrs. McCabe (Broadstairs).

In a comprehensive report, the District Chief Templar, Mr. H. Jeffery, of Ashford, announced that the Sunbeam and Advance Lodges at Ramsgate were meeting regularly in spite of many difficulties and both were doing useful work, as well as holding the fort. Once again he wished to express his admiration of the members in the coast towns who, exposed to the strain and stress of unknown dangers, so bravely carried on and expressed their principles in active work.

Pointing out that, as a nation, we were urged to economise in everything except the consumption of beer, Mr. Jeffery said he believed something more was needed than to counter the enemy's war machine with one equally powerful. In their struggle against evil things they sought, and rightly sought, the help of Almighty God, and he was inclined to think that—with all God's mercy—the answer might perhaps be delayed until they strove a little more for that righteousness which exalted a nation. He was far from saying that righteousness was only to be found in the abstainer but he was equally sure that in the aggregate drink was on the side of evil.

Link With Absent Friends.

The reports of the various officers indicated that many activities had been successfully carried out and that the juvenile section was showing an improvement, particularly in the Ramsgate and Broadstairs sections, while the Orphanage Committee had raised £50 towards the upkeep of the home at Sunbury-on-Thames.

The Editor of the "East Kent Good Templar Guide," which is published quarterly, reported that it had been the means of linking together many of their absent friends and it was decided to continue with this useful publication.

Members whose passing was recorded at a short memorial service included Mrs. Bones (Ramsgate) and Mrs. Bones and Mrs. Glover (Broadstairs).

Among the officers elected were: D.Counsellor, Mr. W. H. Jacobsen, and D.Treasurer, Mrs. G. Hunt, both of Ramsgate, and Mrs. Ware, of Broadstairs, was elected representative to the National Juvenile Council meeting to be held at Leicester.

Those assisting at the installation ceremony included Mrs. Jacobsen, of Ramsgate.

WHIST Scoring Cards.—The cheapest in the district at the "Advertiser" Printing Works, Church-hill, Ramsgate.

MISSING EIDERDOWN

AIRMAN ON HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE

Charged with breaking and entering Grosvenor House, Gloucester-avenue, Margate, and stealing a pink eiderdown, pink bedspread and other articles, Leg. Acm. Frederick Reuben Phast, aged 26, was remanded in custody by Margate magistrates on Monday.

D/C Lilliott said that at 11.15 p.m. on Saturday he saw defendant at Palm Bay and told him he was making enquiries con-erning a number of cases of housebreaking. He also told him that a quantity of bed linen and other articles had been recovered from his home in London, and asked him to account for possession of them. Defendant replied "I bought them of a man I met in a public-house in Margate. I don't know who he is. I gave him £2 for the lot." Witness told him he was not satisfied with the explanation and that he would be taken to the police station.

On Sunday morning, continued witness, he again saw defendant at the police station and defendant told him that he took the articles from a house in Cliftonville but did not know the name of it or the road in which it was situated. Witness went to Cliftonville with defendant, who directed him to Gloucester-avenue and pointed out Grosvenor House, saying "That is the house." Witness went to the back of the house and found the keys outside the french windows. The door was locked on the inside but he gained entry through an insecure window. Going to a back bedroom with defendant, he saw a large trunk, and Phast said "That's where I got the stuff from." When charged with the offence defendant said "I told you all I know. I took the stuff and am willing to help you all I can."

Chief Inspr. Fleet applied for a remand in consequence of the numerous enquiries to be made.

Defendant was remanded in custody until 4th March.

PRISONER IN ITALY

Captured during the fighting in the Middle East in December, Pte. Leslie Moore, The Buffs, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Moore, of 7 Grange-road, Margate, is a prisoner of war in Italy.

On a postcard to his parents, Pte. Moore tells them that he is quite well and looking forward to receiving Red Cross parcels.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	7.0 p.m.	—7.25 a.m.
Wednesday	7.2 p.m.	—7.23 a.m.
Thursday	7.4 p.m.	—7.21 a.m.
Friday	7.6 p.m.	—7.19 a.m.
Saturday	7.8 p.m.	—7.17 a.m.
Sunday	7.9 p.m.	—7.14 a.m.
Monday	7.11 p.m.	—7.12 a.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

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COHEN—SHEPPARD

RAMSGATE BRIDE WEDS AT DEAL

Miss Doris May Sheppard, daughter of Mrs. E. Sheppard and the late Mr. W. Sheppard, of Ramsgate, was married at St. Leonard's Church, Deal, on Saturday, to Mr. Ronald Arthur Cohen, son of Mrs. E. M. Cohen and the late Mr. S. Cohen, of Deal. The Rev. Canon E. D. Bowser officiated.

Given away by her uncle, Mr. D. C. Hogwood, the bride wore a dress of white taffeta with veil and a pink and blue headdress. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The bridesmaids, Miss Sheila Mitchell, friend of the bride, and Miss Monica Fitzgerald, niece of the bridegroom, were dressed respectively in blue taffeta and net and blue voile, and carried bouquets of anemones.

Mr. Alex H. Smith acted as best man.

The hymns sung were "Love Divine" and "O perfect Love." Mr. J. S. Grundy being the organist.

Following a reception at St. Leonard's Parish Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen left for the honeymoon at the Bonnington Hotel, London, the bride travelling in a dress of turquoise blue crepe, navy blue hat trimmed with veil, off-brown angora travel coat, and navy shoes.

BEQUEST TO CHURCH

A bequest of £3,000 to augment the living of St. George's Church was made by the late Miss Adeline Gertrude Simson, of Guildford-lawn, Ramsgate.

Miss Simson, who left £12,248, was a regular worshipper at St. George's and was devoted to the church.

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21	—	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
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27	—	2/3	3/6	4/6	8/-	15/-	24/-	45/-
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WOMEN WORKERS

None of the advertisements in this column relates to a woman between 20 and 30 unless such a woman (a) has living with her a child of hers under the age of 14, or (b) is registered under the Blind Persons Acts, or (c) has a Ministry of Labour permit to allow her to obtain employment by individual effort.

N.B.—This does not apply to Teachers at recognised schools, members of the Nursing Profession, or to Agricultural Workers.

ASSISTANT required, apply personally on Monday, 2nd March, or afterwards.—Messrs. Lumers, 52/56 Queen-street, Ramsgate. †95

BOURNEMOUTH. — Chambermaid-Waitress and Housemaid wanted for small private hotel, suit mother and daughter or sisters; fares paid suitable applicants.—Particulars, 17 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate. †96

SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 per week; living accommodation found; holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Brettenham House, Strand, London, W.C.2.

HOUSES, FLATS, ETC. TO LET

TENANT required for top-floor Flat (sittingroom, double bedroom and kitchen), willing to assist in general housework.—Apply, Mrs. Dean, Emsworth, Rowley Park, Stafford. 95

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FOR SALE

ALWYN Cossette Pram, 30/-, and Folding Playpen, 10/-.—Write, Box 614, "Advertiser" Office, Ramsgate. 97

CREOSOTE or Tar, 40 gallons 46/8 delivered; free barrels; Land Pipes all sizes.—Frank Coopers, Builders' Merchants, Canterbury. 72

CURRY'S Special Bargains.—Ladies' Cycles, £8/12/1; Gents' Cycles, £7/14/1; Battery Radios, £4/19/6; Ever Ready No. 3 H.T. Batteries, 12/4; Sterling Super H.Ts, 31/-; Camp Beds, 32/6; Sleeping Bags, 13/6; Electric Irons, 17/6; Leather School Sachels, 12/6; Electric Fires from 16/3.—Curry's Ltd., 28 High-street, Ramsgate.

WANTED TO PURCHASE

£8 OFFERED immediately for a Hoover Junior, complete; privately.—Write, Box 613, "Advertiser" Office, Ramsgate. 94

PIANO wanted, upright or baby grand, by first-class maker.—Write, stating particulars and price, Willmott, 259 Caledonian-road, London, N.1. 95

POULTRY

DAY-OLD R.I.R. Table Chicks, ready Tuesday, 24th February; order now. — Knight, High-street, Ramsgate. 94

TWO Laying Hens, 12/6 each.—Write, Box 615, "Advertiser" Office, Ramsgate. 94

LAYING Pullets for sale.—Apply, Wood, 7 King-street, Ramsgate. †94

MISCELLANEOUS

RUBBER Stamps, Stencils, Inks and Pads.—Hall, Engraver, 84 High-street, Ramsgate. 14

A YEAR AGO

The Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Chaplain to the Forces, conducted a service in memory of the men who lost their lives in H.M. trawler Arctic Trapper.

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Councillor E. Dixon, a member of Margate Town Council, was appointed organiser for fire-watching arrangements in Margate at a salary of £300 a year.

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Although there was a decrease of £160,000 in expenditure, the Kent county rate was increased by 10d. in the £.

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Deaths were announced during the week of Capt. F. S. Symons, former Harbour Master at Ramsgate, Mrs. V. E. S. Sanderson, Commandant of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Women's Section of the British Red Cross, and Mr. J. T. Bones, former Harbour Master at Broadstairs.

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Mr. Alfred Alexander Hughes, of Alexandra - road, Ramsgate, petty officer in the Royal Navy and formerly employed by Ramsgate Corporation Harbour Department, was awarded the O.B.E. for meritorious service in connection with the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The Boyland "Carry On" Concert Party has had another busy and successful week, going to Wanstead Hospital on Tuesday, Stonar on Wednesday, the Granville on Thursday and at Pegwell last night. To-night they will visit Nethercourt. A feature of the programmes has been the sparkling duets between Mr. Boyland and Miss Florence Clare.

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We regret to record the death in action of Pte. Charles Huggett Riches, a patriotic Ramsgatonian, who left a Government post in South Africa to come home and fight for the mother country. Pte. Riches was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riches, of Edith-road, Ramsgate.

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It was authoritatively announced on Thursday that Ramsgate's contribution to the Victory War Loan—paid in through the local banks and the Post Office—amounted in round figures to the splendid sum of £200,000. In addition, the Ramsgate War Savings Association, with a membership of 2,662, has purchased 2,147 certificates, to the value of £1,663 18s. 6d.

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The following sums have been granted by the Government as relief to the Thanet towns: Ramsgate, £4,000; Margate, £6,000; Broadstairs, £2,000.

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The following have been granted commissioned ranks as temporary second lieutenants in the 4th (Thanet) Battalion Kent Volunteer Regiment: John H. Robinson, Cyril C. C. Kenrick, Shirley H. J. Russell, George H. W. Reece.

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Second-Lt. B. Petley, H.A.C., an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished conduct in the field. This is the third Military Cross won by boys of Chatham House.

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A recent issue of the "London Gazette" announced the promotion from acting rank of Capt. C. S. F. Witts. Capt. Witts, who lives at Ramsgate, was the officer in command of A Company, 4th Buffs (T.), when war broke out, and has been on service abroad almost from that time. Promotions announced in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (I.Y.) include that from acting rank of Capt. C. E. Hatfeild, of Margate. Lt. G. M. Emery, son of Mr. James Emery, of Broadstairs, has been promoted captain in the 4th Essex Regiment.

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By the death of Mr. William Frederick Whiteing the grand old man of Broadstairs, the town has lost one of its most esteemed and popular citizens. For 41 years a resident of Broadstairs, Mr. Whiteing was for some time the landlord of the Railway Tavern and afterwards started a successful business as a jobmaster and contractor.

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The splendid work performed among the wounded by the Thanet motor ambulance has been generously acknowledged by the French Government. The convoy has continually passed through the gas zone under considerable artillery fire in order to carry the wounded as quickly as possible to the ambulance station, and Driver A. T. Boulting and his comrades are proud to have been awarded the diploma of the Croix de Guerre.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

NEW ROAD WORKS

Notwithstanding the severe weather of the past few days, considerable progress has been made with the initiatory stages of the New Road works at Ramsgate. Double shifts are being worked by the men employed so that advantage can be taken of two tides each day. After dark two powerful lights, supplied with shale oil, are burned, and the brilliant illumination supplied is of great service. Considerable interest has been experienced during the week in the removal of the large blocks of granite—some of them weighing 2¼ tons—opposite the Royal Hotel.

THE MARINA

A popular member of the local clergy has now taken up his residence in one of the bijou houses under the cliff at Ramsgate Marina, the little colony now comprising a member of one of the oldest families in England, representatives of the Army and Navy, and most of the learned professions.

WHAT GLADSTONE DID

Speaking at the annual meeting of Broadstairs Conservative Association, Mr. H. H. Marks said they all remembered the acts of the late Government of Mr. Gladstone, and of his heartless desertion of Gen. Gordon in Egypt. During the time of the present Government they had had six years of unbroken peace. The present Government had applied the law to Ireland as they applied the law to different parts of the country.

POSTAL (DIS)ARRANGEMENTS

"A Tory" wrote to the Editor: "Can nothing be done to put a stop to the disgraceful state of our postal disarrangements? A night's fall of snow and we are kept from our morning letters until midday. I think if our Member would worry the life out of the Postmaster General till he made 50,000 independent of a snowstorm, he would gain more popularity than if he talked antediluvian nonsense about Fair Trade and Colonial Reciprocity."

A TOUR OF PALESTINE

Writing on 9th November to his mother, Pte. Frederick Baldwin, of 21 Addington-road, Margate, described seven days' leave spent touring Palestine and the Holy City.

"Had a grand time," he wrote. "Saw all the places mentioned in Bible history, and went right up to the Syrian border. The remaining days were spent swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. I stayed at a hotel facing the sea. It was like being in England again, for the country is green, which I had not seen since leaving England. Oranges and grapefruit grow there like apples in Kent. I stayed at a modern seaside resort near Jaffa. Now I am back in the deserts of Egypt."

Pte. Baldwin also mentioned that he has visited the Pyramids and Sphinx in Egypt and several other places.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

BARRY COMES HOME

By ANNE MARQUIS

The furniture-removing men had departed, and Jenifer was left in possession of her newly-acquired flat.

Everything, apparently, was in its wrong place. Her cherished Spode vase had found a temporary resting-place on the divan. A bowl of white hyacinths and a corpulent hot-water bottle fraternised quite happily upon the red-tiled hearth.

Yet, in spite of the confusion, Jenifer was happy. She loved a muddle occasionally just for the pleasure it afforded her of getting things to right again; so she put on her overall and set to work.

She was happy, too, for another reason.

She had obtained the post of Furnishing Adviser to Wilson and Gladwin, the most important firm of house furnishers at Dunchurch, at a salary which looked princely after her recent thirty-five shillings a week.

It was a unique position, and one for which Jenifer, by reason of her training, taste and skill, was admirably fitted. She revelled in the thought of making homes for other people, and she was confident that this new departure would be a great success.

It was when she thought of Barry that her happiness suffered a temporary eclipse.

Barry was coming back from India soon to claim her for his bride—and she didn't want to marry him.

Ever since Barry was a pampered, golden-haired youngster, Jenifer had given him unstintingly of her love and loyalty; so that as they grew older it seemed quite natural that they should drift into an engagement. Jenifer had never been quite happy about it. For one thing, Barry had always taken her very much for granted, without, however, offering, anything very valuable in return.

She knew she ought to have broken off her engagement before he sailed for India. But in three months he was coming home, and when he arrived she would be faced with the most momentous decision of her life—breaking off the engagement—in which case Barry would be anguished and despairing—or sacrificing herself to an unloved marriage.

However, she wasn't going to let even thoughts of Barry depress her to-day. She had got a lucrative post, a dear little flat, a view of the park from her window—and spring was coming—tra-la-la!

The sittingroom was beginning to wear a more homely aspect now. A fire was burning in the grate, and the kettle on the bar hummed a cheerful little song.

She had cleared one corner of the table for tea, when a knock came to the door. Jenifer went to open it. A young man stood there—a young man with a grave though kindly face, and a bandaged hand.

"Good afternoon," he said. "I'm awfully sorry to have to trouble you when you have just moved in; but I've had an accident, and Mrs. Patterson is out."

"Oh, will you come in?" said Jenifer. "I'll help if I can."

"Thanks. It's nothing very serious, but terribly inconvenient," explained the young man. "I was cutting bread and the knife slipped, and I was silly enough to make a grab at it Could you—would you—?"

First-Aid.

Jenifer could and did. She made a good job of it, too, though she was conscious all the time that she was being subjected to kindly scrutiny.

There was really no reason why the young man should remain any longer; but he seemed loath to go; and casting an admiring glance round the room, he said:

"What an attractive room! It's larger than mine, and you have a view of the park. I do hope you will stay here. The last people were awful; they quarrelled dreadfully."

"Well, I shan't quarrel, because I've nobody to quarrel with," said Jenifer. "Whether that is one of the drawbacks or compensations of a bachelor existence, I have yet to find out."

Perhaps a faint note of wistfulness had unconsciously crept into her voice which led the young man to say: "Well, it is tea-time. What about it? I see yours is almost ready, but mine is ready, too; and seeing that we are to be such near neighbours, and I hope friends, I suggest that you join me."

His eyes held a frank, boyish appeal which Jenifer could not resist. "Thank you," she said. "I will come with pleasure."

It was not until tea was over, and they were still talking earnestly about nothing in particular, that Jenifer remembered Barry. She knew she had no business to be taking tea with another young man who was a perfect stranger when she was engaged to Barry.

The visit was spoiled for her then, and soon she rose to go.

"What must I do if the bandages come undone, Miss Morley?" Miles asked.

"You mustn't let them come undone," said Jenifer, severely.

"But suppose they do?" he insisted.

"Then I think you had better seek Mrs. Patterson's help," she replied, smiling inwardly at his look of disappointment. "Good-bye."

When dusk fell, Jenifer's sittingroom was in apple-pie order, and she sat down to admire the effect of the bowl of white hyacinths against her rust-coloured curtains, and the cosiness of the red-tiled hearth.

What a snug little place it was in which to dream dreams, if only Barry Carson's handsome face did not so often intrude. When the twilight hour had faded, she went to the window to draw the curtains. A wind soughed musically through the branches of the trees. A new moon, a fairy-like gondola, sailed majestically in a clear sky.

"How lovely life would be if it weren't for Barry," she murmured.

First Client.

It was a thrilling moment for Jenifer when she took possession of the snug little office at Wilson and Gladwin's the following morning. Even in spite of the sleepless night she had passed, there was a sparkle in her eye and a feeling of quiet content in her heart as she arranged her desk to her liking, and hung up pictures of beautiful homes on the buff-coloured walls.

She was a maker of homes at last! Her thoughts ran on the all-absorbing theme of house-furnishing all the morning, until, chancing to look up, she noticed that it was half-past eleven.

Goodness! Wasn't anybody going to seek her advice? Suppose the scheme ended in failure! One of the windows overlooked the shop, and Jenifer saw a shop-assistant displaying some wicker chairs to a prospective customer. Mr. Gladwin was talking to a man who looked as if he might be a traveller. An opulent-looking lady was examining some curtains.

Then the shop door opened, and a young man entered.

It was—yes—it was Miles Gordon, her friend of the previous day. A shop-assistant went forward with deferential attention, and the next moment he was conducting Miles Gordon to her office.

"A gentleman to see you, Miss Morley," he said, and respectfully withdrew.

"Good morning, Mr. Gordon," said Jenifer with a smile.

"Miss Morley! What! You here!" he exclaimed. "I didn't know—you didn't tell me."

"No. Strange how I omitted that important fact, wasn't it?" said Jenifer.

"It was. But, I say, I'm very glad that it is you I have to deal with. I heard that this firm had started an advisory service, or something or other, so I resolved to seek its aid."

"I'm very glad you did. Now, what can I do for you?" Jenifer's manner was brisk and business-like, as befitted one who held such an important position.

"I'm in something of a fix," Miles began. "My sister, who is a widow, is returning from Australia shortly for good. She is not in very good health, and she feels utterly incapable of getting a home together. 'I want a place to walk right into,' she writes. I have purchased a little place in the country—just a cottage it is, for we are quite simple folk—and I want you to do the rest."

"That is a task after my own heart," said Jenifer, forgetting for the moment to be business-like and being just friendly. "I love country cottages."

"Good!"

"You want me to undertake its entire equipment. I understand?"

"Yes, even to a mousetrap," he laughed.

"A mousetrap you shall have," Jenifer promised. "Now, can you let me have a key, Mr. Gordon?"

"Yes, but I—thought I should like to take you down myself. Will two o'clock this afternoon suit you?"

So precisely at the time stated

A Gem of a Cottage.

Jenifer was seated beside Miles Gordon in his little two-seater car, and away they went through the town and suburbs, until presently they were climbing a narrow winding lane bordered by hawthorn hedges.

"Now here we are!"

"Oh, what a gem of a cottage!" exclaimed Jenifer. "That stone porch with the room above it—the nail-studded door—. Oh, how I shall love making a home out of such an old-world place! I am sure your sister will love it."

"Yes, I think she will. I do, at any rate. It beats Mrs. Patterson's first floor left, doesn't it?"

"Why are you going to live here, too?" asked Jenifer, feeling conscious of an odd feeling of disappointment which she could not define.

"Well, my sister suggests it, and I think I shall."

He took out the key and unlocked the door, and Jenifer stepped into a hall which was bathed in spring sunlight.

What a charming place that cottage was!

Jenifer flew from room to room, exclaiming, admiring, revelling in the oddity of this feature and the cosiness of that, until chancing to see Mr. Gordon regarding her with amused interest she promptly adopted a pose which was more appropriate to a modern young business woman.

Taking out her pencil and notebook, she immersed herself in the practical details, while Miles strolled about the garden.

There Jenifer joined him later.

"I've finished for the present," she said, "but, of course, I shall have to make several visits."

He nodded. "There is no particular hurry, you know, Miss Morley. My sister will not be home for six or seven weeks."

"Oh, I shall have finished long before that," said Jenifer. "Can we get back now, please? I am longing to get my ideas into shape."

"You are a hustler," laughed Miles. "Now I should like to sit talking in this garden all afternoon."

"Business first," said Jenifer, practically.

They did not talk much on the return journey. Jenifer's mind was occupied with her first business proposition, whilst Miles was wondering whether he had known this attractive girl at his side for one day or all his life.

The planning of that century and a half old cottage proved so absorbing that Jenifer took home with her patterns, designs and colour charts, and pored over them all the evening. Then she threw herself into an easy chair and gave herself up to thought. She was going to love that cottage, she knew she was; and in future, whenever she grew tired or depressed, the fairy wings of imagination would transplant her to that snug little home on the steep hillside where dwelt beauty and atmosphere and charm.

The following day, when she was having dinner in her "dear little flat," her landlady handed her a letter.

It bore an Indian postmark, and Jenifer tore it open with feverish haste. It consisted of a few lines, but their import banished every vestige of colour from Jenifer's cheeks and caused a wave of sheer misery to sweep over her. Barry was coming home sooner than she had expected—would, in fact, arrive in England in three weeks' time.

Did ever girl dread her lover's home-coming as Jenifer at that moment? Some decision would have to be made, and that quickly. The thought of binding herself to Barry "for better or worse" seemed almost intolerable; that of telling him that she no longer cared for him was almost equally so.

How could she endure the hurt look in Barry's eyes? Life had never hurt Barry before—not desperately. He had never been called upon to endure its storms and buffetings, but had sailed along on a placid sea, under sunny skies. She couldn't hurt Barry.

Jenifer pushed away her dinner untasted. She had no heart for anything now.

Barry's Return.

As the days dragged by she became more and more convinced that it was her duty to marry Barry. Hadn't he always looked to her for cheer and comfort? Hadn't he said that the prospect of one day sharing a home with her was the one thing which had cheered his long and dreary exile? Wasn't it her duty to stifle her own feelings in gratitude for a love like that?

She went over the old arguments again and again until her brain was weary of their reiteration. If only there were someone to advise her—someone wise and sympathetic—like Mr. Gordon, for instance. And yet, strangely enough, he was the one person of all others to whom she could not breathe a word of her difficulty.

She had never mentioned Barry to him. There had seemed no need. They were acquaintances, neighbours—nothing more. When the furnishing of the cottage was completed he would pass out of her life for ever. The excursions thereto in the bright spring weather were like rays of sunshine in Jenifer's bleak existence.

At this time the postman's knock filled her with alarm; the sight of a telegraph boy sent her heart racing. Every day was hastening to her doom.

One afternoon—it was a day when wallflowers flourished in the cottage garden and daffodils danced in the green grass in the parks, and only Jenifer's heart was sad—she arrived home to find Barry seated in her easy chair.

"Barry!" she gasped.

"Thought I'd take you by surprise, Jen," he said, as he sprang to his feet and took her hand.

He made no attempt at a more affectionate greeting, and Jenifer noticed that his tones lacked warmth and his face looked strained and haggard.

"Well, Barry. How are you?" she said, at last.

"I—I've something to tell you, Jenifer," he whispered hoarsely.

"Well, what is it?"

"I—I—I've fallen in love."

"You've what?" Jenifer almost shouted.

"I've fallen in love," he repeated.

What Barry had expected it is impossible to say; but he certainly did not expect the girl whose place in his affections had been supplanted by another, to break into peals of light, joyous laughter.

"What's the joke?" he asked, irritably.

"Oh, it's too funny," answered Jenifer sobering a little. "Here have I been dreading your return because I did not want to marry you, and all the time you have been longing for your release. Life is funny!"

"Yes, isn't it?" agreed Barry. "Until three weeks ago you were the only girl in the world for me; and then I met Daphne Derwent, and she—she just bowled me over."

"It's a liner romance, then, is it?"

"Yes. Her father is a Calcutta merchant. She's lovely, Jenifer, so sweet and charming. We are to be married as soon as she can get her trousseau ready, after which we shall return immediately to India. Her father is taking me into his business."

"Good for you, Barry. I am glad," said Jenifer, heartily.

"And now, Jen. Who is the happy man? Am I to know?"

Jenifer drew herself up proudly.

"There is no happy man," she said. "Your place has not been taken by another, Barry. It is just that I realised we were not suited to each other. I've got a most absorbing career. I don't suppose I ever shall marry."

"No, I don't think you possess the temperament for marriage, Jenifer. You are too cold and unresponsive. You have many excellent qualities, but warm-heartedness isn't one of them."

"You think not?" she queried, with a smile, at the same time thinking how like Barry it was to make a thoughtless remark like that.

"Certain of it."

"Perhaps you're right," she answered. "You will have some tea, won't you?"

"No, thanks. I've just time to catch the 6.25 to St. Pancras. So, good-bye, Jenifer. And thanks for being such a sport," he added.

Jenifer grinned, and closed the door.

"Oh, so I haven't the temperament for marriage, it appears. Too cold and unresponsive, am I?" she murmured. "Humph! It's perhaps good for us sometimes to hear the truth spoken in love . . ."

Celebration.

Jenifer was so elated at the easy solution of her thorny problem that she went out and bought a new hat. It was a dream of a hat—blue, the colour of her eyes. But it was not the colour only, but the shape, which was so becoming. It drooped at the front and over her right ear while the left front obligingly displayed the natural wave of her fair hair.

She decided to wear it when she went to tea at the cottage. Mrs. Carus was expected home shortly, and Miles had asked Jenifer to have tea with them the first Saturday after her arrival.

A day or two later Jenifer went to the cottage for the last time. As she went from room to room she was filled with a pardonable sense of pride with the result of her labours; yet her pride was mixed with regret that it was her lot to choose, to plan, to create, but not to enjoy.

Yes, there were drawbacks to making homes for other people.

She was standing in the porch room, which was to be Miles' special den. Jenifer had expended a good deal of thought upon this little apartment, and the effect was pleasing in the extreme. Only it filled her heart with an ache, a longing, which she could not define.

She pictured Miles sitting here dreaming his dreams, writing those books which were making him so famous, and it seemed to Jenifer that life could hold no greater joy than to sit here sometimes with him, sharing his inner life, his secret thoughts.

Had she lied when she told Barry that his place in her thoughts had not been taken by another? She knew now that she had, though unconsciously, and that Miles Gordon was all the world to her.

What possessed her to run down to the garden and gather wallflowers with which to adorn his desk she never knew, but there they were, filling his den with colour and fragrance, when Miles burst into the room with some important news.

"Oh, here you are," he began, excitedly. "I've just had a letter from my sister, saying she is not coming to England after all. She is going to marry again, and stay in Melbourne."

"Oh, Mr. Gordon what a disappointment! And what a loss! The house, the furniture, everything. I wonder if Wilson and Gladwin—"

"No," he interrupted. "The house must stand as it is. I wouldn't part with it for anything!"

"You are going to live in it?" questioned Jenifer.

"Yes, with the girl I love, if she will have me. Do you think she will?"

"I really couldn't say, Mr. Gordon. She may prefer a house in town, or a flat."

"I don't think so," replied Miles. "The girl I mean is as crazy about this dear old house as I am. What I want to know is whether she is as crazy about me as she is about the house?"

"You'd better ask her," said Jenifer.

THE END

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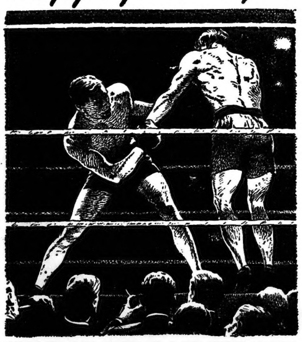

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PARENTS' ANXIETY

MISSING OLD ST. GEORGIAN

An old boy of St. George's School, Ramsgate, Sgt. Gerald Bailey, R.A.F., aged 19 years, has been missing since November.

Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bailey, of Wilfred-road, who are at present living at Broad Oak, Sturry, Sgt. Bailey was employed by Messrs. Thorn Drury, solicitors, when he left school, and afterwards joined the staff of the Star Garage, Broad-street.

He joined the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in August, 1940, and his parents last heard from him in October, 1941.

Three elder brothers on active service are Sgt. Sidney Bailey, R.A.F., Ldg. Acm. Cyril Bailey, R.A.F., and L/Cpl. George Bailey, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FOR BROADSTAIRS CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES

In order to bring the Broadstairs Civil Defence organisation up to full strength, the services of part-time volunteers are required.

There are vacancies in the wardens', first-aid party, report and control, messenger, ambulance and first-aid post services, and applications for enrolment should be sent to the A.R.P. Offices, 69 High-street, Broadstairs, where further particulars can be obtained.

DEATH OF WIRELESS PIONEER

A native of Ramsgate, whose father was formerly overseer at Ramsgate G.P.O., Mr. Charles Edward (Jim) Court has died at Dunsfold, Godalming, Surrey, aged 43 years.

Joining the P.O. telephone staff when he left school, Mr. Court became an enthusiastic pioneer of wireless development and joined the staff of the Broadcast Relay Service. Ill-health necessitated his resignation in 1938.

His wife, daughter of Mrs. E. A. Carter, of Chandos-road, Broadstairs, is attached to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as a teleprint clerk, and he also leaves a daughter.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

GREER GARSON AT ODEON

There is something different in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Singing voice of Irene Dunne, former Broadway musical comedy star, is heard several times in "Unfinished Business," which heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. Miss Dunne's numbers include Greig's "I love you" and "Voi che sapete" by Mozart. Robert Montgomery co-stars with Miss Dunne in the film, which features Preston Foster, Eugene Pallette and others. A modern romance with a setting in New York, the story presents Miss Dunne as a small-town girl who comes to New York, falls in love with one man but marries his brother. Also being screened is "Private Nurse," with Brenda Joyce and Jane Darwell.

"Blossoms in the Dust," chief feature for the latter part of the week, has Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon as its stars. Departing from the usual run-of-the-mill cinema fare, the film tells the story of a woman who found solace caring for hundreds of unwanted children after her own baby dies Inspired by the life of Edna Gladney, superintendent of the Texas Children's Homes and Aid Society, the struggles and obstacles met and conquered by the pioneers in the field of child welfare are brought forcibly to the screen for the first time. The programme will also include "Bachelor Daddy," with Baby Sandy and Edward Everett Horton.

ON THE SCROLL OF FAME

C.D. CHAIRMAN'S TRIBUTE TO A.R.P.

Moving the adoption of the report of the Civil Defence Committee, of which he is chairman, at the quarterly meeting of the Kent County Council on Wednesday, Alderman E. S. Oak-Rhind, of Broadstairs, outlined the successful pioneer work undertaken in Kent in launching the first mobile reserve and paid tribute to the paramount value of the great static force which operated under the direction of the local authorities—the local A.R.P.

Stating that we started the war with one kind of defence only—the static—which placed on each local authority the responsibility for its own force, Alderman Oak-Rhind said that in Kent they brought into being, largely to meet any reduction in the personnel of the local authorities, the mobile reserve.

The wisdom of the action they then took was now recognised by the Ministry with the result that mobile reserves were being formed throughout the country under the aegis of the regions. Locally Kent had had in being one complete company for the past 18 months for which the Government would now pay the entire cost and they would also make it possible to complete the original conception by covering the whole of the county, whilst Kent, in return for its creative work, would be asked to retain its control as hitherto.

Declaring that so far as Kent was concerned the major work was accomplished as further expansion was simple, Alderman Oak-Rhind acknowledged the great help received from Major Hepburn, the Deputy Controller, in bringing the scheme to such a successful issue.

"In painting this picture of the mobile reserve," he added, "I do not want for one moment to minimise the paramount value of that great static force which operates under the direction of the local authorities—the local A.R.P.

"Its work is written on our country's scroll of fame, the work of our glorious 'ragged' army, and the Air Raid Warden is still the 'first line' of the whole machine.

"The mobile reserve, as its name implies, is a support, and a support only, to the static force."

BUFFS PRISONER

Son of Mrs. W. E. Russell, of Crayford, and grandson of Mrs. Luckett, of Clarendon-road, Broadstairs, Pte. Mohamied Amien Cox, The Buffs, reported missing in December, is now known to be a prisoner of war in Italy.

Joining The Buffs some years ago, Pte. Cox served in India before the war.

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MILK AND MEAT

ANIMALS IN ARMAGEDDON

We must plan now for the utmost production of which our land is capable. As a rule this can best be achieved by putting more land under crop and by aiming for maximum output. Cereals, potatoes and sugar-beet claim first attention, for they contribute most to human nourishment and also provide valuable by-products for feeding to live stock.

Not only our fields but also our animals have their part to play in Armageddon. Without food, and food of the right kind all human effort is vain. More milk, particularly in winter, is the nation's vital need. We must, therefore, plan for more winter calvers and we must rear more calves.

So tight is shipping space that we cannot rely even on bully beef. The English joint must come into its own again; and we shall have to harmonise milk and beef production—even if it means a wet towel.

We must, therefore, plan for our animals' food requirements—not only for early bite but for bite all the year round, especially at that season when Nature takes a well-earned rest. This means more grass from less grassland, more hay, more silage. Once again we must invite our old friend, sulphate of ammonia, to do his duty.

We must undersow in cereals, not only to produce a clean bite in autumn but also to provide more hay in 1943, perhaps seed also, and to rest and restore our weary acres. We must supplement with special fodder crops, such as pea and oat mixture for hay or silage, preferably undersown with Italian rye grass to ensure a rich aftermath.

Then there are those time-honoured standbys—kale and mangolds. The more you feed them the better they be.

"This war is not a game to be played according to certain rules. It is a life-and-death struggle for survival, and in that struggle there are and must be no partial interests."—Sir Stafford Cripps.

FIREMAN FINED

HELPED HIMSELF TO AN AXE

A milk roundsman who joined the Fire Service in August, 1940, Fireman John Walter Steers, 38, of Argyle-avenue, Margate, was fined £2 at the borough court on Wednesday for stealing an axe, value 1s. 9d., the property of the Corporation, from the Civil Defence headquarters.

The axe, which was nailed on the door of a locked store, was missed on 5th February. Defendant, who was interviewed at the Empire fire station by P/S Russell and P/C Banister, in the presence of Company Officer McCayna, said he knew nothing at all about it and raised no objection to a search of his house, where the axe was found behind a black-out frame in a tool shed. Steers said the axe was given to him but when identifying marks on it were pointed out to him he said "Well, sir, I took it." Afterwards he said "I am sorry I did not tell you before but I didn't want to say anything in front of Company Officer McCayna."

Stating that defendant was a married man with three children, the Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, said it was rather an impudent theft.

Announcing the fine, the Chairman, Mr. W. Booth Reeve, said they were sorry to see a man with such a good character in that position but there was too much of that sort of thing going on and they hoped the fine would be a lesson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Irene Dunne and Preston Foster in one of the dramatic moments from "Unfinished Business," showing at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-night and to-morrow.

A PRISONER IN ITALY

THANKS MARGATE FOLK FOR PARCELS

A member of the Borough Surveyor's staff, Sgt. Obs. Walter John Paul, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Paul, of Arlington-gardens, Margate, who is a prisoner of war in Italy, has written to the Mayor of Margate, Alderman G. P. Hoare:

"Thank you very much for your Christmas greetings, which I appreciated no end. I am keeping well and am longing for the day when I shall be back with you all, which everyone feels will be quite soon.

"I should like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the contributions the Margate people make towards the Red Cross food parcels, which at the moment we are receiving at the rate of one per fortnight. Kind regards to all the municipal staff."

An air navigator, Sgt. Paul, who is 26 years of age, took part in leaflet and bombing raids over Germany, and was in France for six months at the beginning of the war. He was posted as missing in August, 1940, a week after he left England for the Middle East, and shortly afterwards was reported to be a prisoner of war in Italy.

CAPT. G. R. BUCK

KILLED WHILE FLYING

One of the best-known bridge players in Kent, Capt. George Rupert Buck, Royal Artillery, formerly of Birchington, has been killed while flying.

At one time a master at Grenham House School, Birchington, Capt. Buck married Miss Joyce Isabel Clarke, daughter of Mr. A. B. Clarke, of Butna Ben Cliff-road.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Buck were prominently associated with Birchington Bridge Club and represented the club in the Kent League.

Mrs. Buck is at present living at Chorley Wood.

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RAMSGATE WOMAN'S BEQUESTS

In the Probate Court last week, Mr. Justice Hodson had before him an action concerning the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Allsworth, of Queen's Gate-road, Ramsgate, who died in September, 1940.

Mr. Mortimer, for the executors, Mr. D. W. H. Murton Neale and Mr. Augustus Turner executors for the deceased under her will dated September, 1938 said they were the plaintiffs in the action, and the defendants were Dr. Areline Wailer, Miss Phyllis Newcombe, and testator's husband, Mr. A. G. Allsworth.

Under the will of September, 1938, her executors received £300 each, her husband an annuity of 10s. a week, and the residue was shared between the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Ramsgate General Hospital.

The defendants Dr. Wailer and Miss Newcombe set up a will of the deceased dated in September, 1940—nine or ten days before the lady died. In August, 1940, the deceased was said to be suffering from cancer and a few days later she was removed to a nursing home in charge of Miss Newcombe and Dr. Wailer attended her. On 2nd September a solicitor was called in and the will which defendants put forward was prepared and executed. Under that will Mr. Murton Neale got £300 and the rest was left to Dr. Wailer and Miss Newcombe.

Counsel said the parties had now arrived at a settlement and terms under which the defendants would have a share had been arranged which were accepted by all the parties to the suit. The court was asked to pronounce for the will of September, 1938, and against the will of September, 1940.

The will was proved in solemn form and his lordship pronounced for the will of 1938 and approved the terms of settlement. He pronounced against the will of 1940.

BIRCHINGTON POSTMASTER

RAMSGATE MAN'S APPOINTMENT

Mr. L. W. O. Smith, sorting clerk and telegraphist at Ramsgate Post Office, has been appointed Postmaster at Birchington.

Mr. Smith, who takes up his new duties at the beginning of next month, is a son of Mr. H. O. Smith, who for many years has been associated with St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate.

He first attended Holy Trinity School and won a scholarship to Chatham House where he completed his school career.

Joining the Post Office service as a learner at Ramsgate on 10th May, 1915, Mr. Smith was appointed sorting clerk and telegraphist two years later. He has served continuously at Ramsgate with the exception of a short period towards the end of the last war, when he was on service with the Royal Engineers.

Following the war, Mr. Smith, together with his Post Office colleague Mr. Charles Sutton, was associated with the Ramsgate Operatic and Dramatic Society and he also took part in the presentation of "Twelfth Night."

When Mr. L. Spratt, who was Postmaster at Birchington, was appointed Postmaster at Buckingham in 1940, he was succeeded by Mr. V. Cake. Mr. Cake was in charge at Birchington until last November, when he was appointed Postmaster at Bovington Camp.

The best wishes of his many friends in Ramsgate will be extended to Mr. Smith on his new appointment.

ROMANCE AND COMEDY

HIGH LIGHTS AT THE KING'S

Romance and comedy are deftly blended in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

The famous New Orleans lottery, which made headlines in the 1860s, forms the background for "Lady from Louisiana," chief feature to-day and to-morrow. Ona Munson is cast as the beautiful and imperious daughter of the lottery promoter, played by Henry Stephenson. John Wayne is the young crusader brought down to the southern metropolis by reformer Helen Westley to put the lottery out of business. When Wayne and Miss Munson fall in love the complications of the plot begin, and rise to dramatic complexity when the southern belle's father is killed, apparently by men in high command of the reform movement. Also being shown is "Gay Vagabond," with Roscoe Karns, Ruth Donnelly and Ernest Truex.

A rollicking new comedy, "Affectionately Yours," starring Merle Oberon, Dennis Morgan and Rita Hayworth, heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It tells the story of a playboy foreign correspondent who comes home to stop his divorced wife, whom he still loves, from marrying another man. Close at his heels in hot pursuit is his erstwhile girl friend, determined to keep him from getting back to his wife. Added to this are the machinations of his editor, who wants to keep his best foreign correspondent unencumbered by family ties, the irate confusion of the wife's suitor, and the well-meaning interference by the Turkish news photographer who plays bodyguard to the correspondent. The programme will also include "Singapore Woman," with Brenda Marshall and David Bruce.

FRESH SUMMONS

ISSUED AGAINST BROADSTAIRS WOMAN

As a summons sent by registered post was returned through the Post Office, a fresh summons is being issued against Constance Merrick, of Osborne-road, Broadstairs.

This was stated at Margate police court on Wednesday, when it was alleged that she had ridden a cycle without a front light.

When the case was before the court the previous week the woman did not appear and no communication was received from her. As it was stated that the woman endeavoured to evade two police officers, who chased her in a car, and then became very abusive and truculent, the magistrates adjourned the case and ordered defendant to attend court.

On Wednesday the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said he understood the summons had since been returned to the Magistrates' Clerk's office, not having been accepted. A new summons would be issued and the case would come before the court the following week.

DROPPED OFF TO SLEEP

WOKE TO FIND BABY DEAD

A warning to parents of the danger of having young children in bed with them was given by Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest on Wednesday.

The inquest was on Sheila Ann Godfrey, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Godfrey, of 81 South Eastern-road, Ramsgate.

As the baby cried on Monday night Mrs. Godfrey took her into her bed, intending to return her to the cradle when she had stopped crying. Mrs. Godfrey dropped off to sleep and when she was awakened by the alarm clock at 4.30 the following morning the baby was dead.

Mr. Dennis Richard Godfrey, father of the baby, said he was a miner employed at Chislet Colliery. In addition to Sheila, he had a boy aged two. On Monday he and his wife went to bed at about 11.30 p.m. The baby usually slept in a basket cradle near the bed but when they went to bed the baby was crying. His wife tried to quieten her but she would not go to sleep so his wife took the baby into bed with her. The baby was lying between witness and his wife. Witness dropped off to sleep. When he woke up at 4.30 a.m. his wife asked him to look at the baby as she was pale. The baby was lying on his wife's right arm facing her mother. He turned the baby over and came to the conclusion it was dead. He then summoned a doctor. Dr. Gordon arrived at 5.10 a.m.

Strong and Healthy.

Witness said the child had always been strong and healthy. Only about twice previously had his wife taken the child into bed with her when she could not sleep.

Dr. A. N. Gordon said he was called to the house at about 5 a.m. the previous morning and the baby was dead. The child was not in a very natural position. It looked as if the husband had, in his sleep, moved and pressed against the child's chest. Death was due to suffocation caused by the pressure. It was a big temptation but it was a great mistake for parents to take children into bed with them. If people realised the danger more they would be more careful. Even an arm lying on a child's chest was sufficient to prevent a child breathing. If a child was taken into bed it should be put back into its cot before the parents went to sleep. Parents should realise it was a dangerous practise.

The mother of the baby, Mrs. Beatrice Violet Godfrey, corroborated the evidence given by her husband, and said she intended to put the baby back in her cradle before she went to sleep. She dropped off to sleep and when she awoke at 4.30 a.m. the child was dead.

Returning a verdict of "Accidental death," the Coroner said that 20 or 30 years ago deaths of children in bed with their parents were much more frequent than they were now. The practise nowadays was for children to have separate cots to sleep in. Deaths from this cause were now fewer because parents had learned that it was a dangerous practise.

Case of a Tenth Child.

Continuing, the Coroner said Dr. Gordon had told him that parents often took children into bed with them, perhaps in cold weather in order to get them thoroughly warm, and then put them back into their cots. He was satisfied that that was what Mrs. Godfrey intended to do. If parents knew how little pressure would stop a baby breathing they would take more strenuous efforts to keep awake until the baby had gone to sleep and could be put back into the cot.

Emphasising that he had the greatest sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey and was in no way censuring them, Mr. Robinson said many young parents did not realise the danger. Last year he conducted two inquests on children who lost their lives in a similar manner. In one case a baby was taken temporarily into bed by its mother so as to be safer during an air raid. The second, curiously enough, was a tenth child and the mother told him she had done the same with all ten children and nothing had happened previously. There was always a danger of it happening and parents should be very careful to realise the danger and make sure the baby was put back into its cot before they went to sleep.

Again expressing his sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, the Coroner said he had no doubt they did what they thought to be right at the time. It was purely a misfortune that the mother dropped off to sleep as soon as the baby.

SOLDIER'S ADMISSION

ALLEGED THEFT AT MARGATE

Stated to have broken out of close arrest while waiting for trial by court martial, Pte. Stanley Herbert Allen, aged 24, again appeared before the magistrates at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Allen had been remanded on a charge of breaking and entering Connaught Lodge Harold-road, Margate, and stealing clothing.

On Wednesday the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said he could not offer any evidence on that charge. The property was not stolen from Connaught Lodge. That information was given by defendant before the police could communicate with the owner.

The bench agreed to that charge being dismissed, and defendant was then charged with breaking and entering 41 Harold-road, the house of Benjamin Myers, and stealing a suit, pullover, shirt, pair of boots, rule, pocket knife, padlock and chain, leather watch case and purse, the property of Norman Blechner.

The Chief Constable said there was no doubt that the property came from the house, which was next door to Connaught Lodge. The owner was believed to be in Llandudno and in order to try to trace him it would be necessary to ask for a remand.

D/C Tinson said he saw the accused in Maidstone Prison the previous day and told him he was making inquiries about a case of housebreaking at 41 Harold-road. Allen replied "Yes. I did go in there. I found the door ajar. I was looking round for a place to hide. I saw a trunk and sorted out the suit, pullover, pair of boots, rule and other articles which I took. I took the clothes into the house next door and hid them away in the kitchen."

Defendant was remanded in custody for a fortnight.

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Rationalising Deliveries

Traders Must Work Together

SAVING PETROL AND MAN-POWER

A warning that if tradesmen did not "rationalise" the delivery of goods they would be deprived of petrol supplies was given by Mr. W. Brett, East Kent Area Sub-District Transport Manager, Ministry of War Transport, at a meeting of Ramsgate and Broadstairs traders, held under the auspices of Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce, at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

Alderman J. J. White, who presided, said that although Mr. Brett might be compassionate towards them, he came with drastic instructions. They had somehow to work out a scheme to effect a saving in both petrol and labour.

Mr. Brett said the Government were asking that retail traders should save 10,000,000 gallons of fuel a year. The idea was that each area should formulate a co-operative scheme among the traders in order to secure this end.

Five Schemes.

There were five schemes, any of which might be adopted. They were: A—Pooling of vehicles and the provision of a common delivery for a number of shops in the same locality; B—Zoning of areas and restricting customers to suppliers in those areas; C—Stopping retailers from delivering outside the areas of their own schemes; D—Providing routes over which no deliveries should be made except to hospitals and similar institutions; E—Restriction of the days on which deliveries would be made.

Mr. Brett said the various types of traders would have to meet and draft their own schemes and in turn these schemes would have to be co-ordinated by the Chamber of Commerce. There should be no overlapping. The complete scheme would then be sent to him and he would submit it to the Regional Commissioner.

Butchers' Offer.

Mr. A. Baker, representing the butchers, said it would be most undesirable to carry meat and groceries in the same van. Personally he favoured "cash and carry," but the scheme proposed by the butchers was that they should deliver on one day a week, the day being Saturday. They felt the public should have some kind of service. In 1940 there were 96 bicycles and 17 cars engaged in the delivery of meat in Ramsgate. At the present time there were 24 bicycles and two motor cars. They would guarantee a saving of 25 per cent. of petrol.

Mr. Brett said that type of scheme was customary for rural areas. He would like them to consider cutting out all town deliveries, except to hospitals and institutions. If they could introduce "cash and carry" it would go a long way to solving their difficulties.

Bakers' Rounds Halved.

Mr. W. R. Mockridge, on behalf of the bakers, said they were now restricted to delivery on three days a week. Each round would be split in half so that a roundsman would do only half a round each day. Petrol consumption would be cut down by half and a further saving would be effected by allowing increased time for maintenance of vehicles. The scheme would not prevent people going to the shop each day and buying bread.

Mr. Brett said bakers did not really come within the scheme. He thought it very probable that in the near future bakers and milkmen would be zoned.

Mr. F. Gray said that so far as he knew the grocers had not met to formulate a scheme. There had been difficulty in getting a cut and dried scheme.

Mr. Brett said that beside saving petrol and tyres the scheme was also intended to save man and woman power. That was why the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Food were co-operating with the Ministry of Transport.

The scheme being discussed at Deal, said Mr. Brett, was that within a radius of half a mile of the centre of the town there should be no deliveries, from half a mile to a mile deliveries twice a week, and in rural areas once a week, all goods to be delivered to a pool in the centre of the town. This scheme would cut out a great many vehicles and much man-power. Canterbury grocers were preparing their own scheme and they were suggesting that there should be no delivery of parcels weighing less than 7lbs.

Compulsory Cash and Carry.

The chairman said that at the present time many customers took their own goods but if "cash and carry" were incorporated in their scheme and approved by the Regional Commissioner it would become compulsory.

Mr. K. Page said they would have to define their trades for some people dealt in much heavier goods than others.

The chairman said he did not think that a central pool from which goods could be delivered in Ramsgate would be successful.

Mr. Brett pointed out that from 7th March there would be no more basic ration petrol supply and petrol would be supplied solely on the needs of the district.

Mr. G. W. Lane, of Broadstairs, said he thought Broadstairs traders would prefer the zoning scheme. There was a great waste of transport between one town and the other, and it was entirely unnecessary. The Ministry of Food would assist in any way they could by the transfer of registrations.

On behalf of the electrical trade it was stated that the delivery of accumulators had been dispensed with. The return of wireless sets sent for repair did not come within the scheme as it was a "service" transaction.

No business, said Mr. Brett, could rationalise within itself. It had to fit into the general scheme.

Credit Traders' Alarm.

Mr. H. Moyes, a credit trader said he might have 200 calls a day delivering goods and collecting money. He was prepared to carry other people's goods but many of his own were on approval and could not very well fit into a pooling scheme.

Mr. Brett said the credit trade was causing considerable anxiety and so far as his information went he did not think petrol would be supplied for it.

Mr. S. W. Hills, chairman of the Isle of Thanet Credit Traders' Association, said they could not form a group but they hardly covered one another's ground. He was 70 years of age, his two sons had been called up and if they took his car away from him he was almost finished. He had thousands of pounds out in various parts of the district. People were honest so long as one called on them for their money but they did not send it along if no one called.

Mr. Brett said that before 7th March he thought a ruling would be given on the subject.

Broadstairs' Own Scheme.

Mr. Lane said there were over 100 traders licensed for the sale of food in Broadstairs and he thought their position was quite different from that of the Ramsgate traders.

Mr. Brett said that if Broadstairs produced a satisfactory scheme of its own he would put it forward to the Regional Commissioner.

Mr. Lane said he would get the Broadstairs traders together to formulate a scheme.

Mr. A. H. Bowkett said that before long cash and carry was bound to come and they might just as well face it.

After Mr. Brett had stated that the completed scheme must be in his hands by 2nd March, the chairman asked that the various trades should meet to formulate their schemes and said that after they had been sent to Mr. J. Summers for co-ordination the Chamber of Commerce would consider the completed scheme.

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MARGATE NEWSAGENT'S DEATH

Well known at Margate as a wholesale and retail newsagent, Mr. Charles Alfred Payne of 28 Westbrook-road, has died at Maidstone, aged 58 years.

As a young man Mr. Payne assisted his father in a corn factor's business at Maidstone. During the last war, in which he served in France as a sergeant-major, he was stationed for a short time at Margate, where he afterwards acquired a business as a newsagent and later opened several branches at Margate and Westgate.

Mr. Payne is survived by a widow, three sons, two daughters and a step-daughter.

Following a service at Holy Trinity Church, Maidstone, Mr. Payne was interred at Margate Cemetery, where the service was conducted by the Rev. A. Mapson.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Margate Newsagents and the "Daily Express."

TRIBUTES TO THE RED SHIELD

Expressing gratitude for the facilities provided at the Red Shield, the Salvation Army club and canteen at Ramsgate, the officer commanding troops who recently left the district wrote to Mr. Charlton, the manager, "The welcome you gave helped us a great deal in solving the problem of evening leisure."

The Director-General of Welfare and Education has also written stating how highly the War Office values the work of the Red Shield.

"In looking after the welfare of the troops," he stated, "you are at the same time guarding their morale, and the present high state of that morale is in no small measure the result of your untiring labours. We know the difficulties, and at times the physical dangers, under which you have to work and we admire tremendously the spirit with which you overcome them and carry on."

LEGION CLUB HOSPITALITY

The warmth of the hospitality extended at the Ramsgate British Legion Club, Cliff-street, to serving members of the Forces is indicated by a number of letters received by the steward and stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tucker, from men who were until recently billeted in the district.

Typical of the gratitude of the writers is the letter of L/Sgt. Thorne, who writes "I am sure you will see us back in Ramsgate whenever we get the opportunity for, although we have had good times at other places, I can honestly say we have never been treated so well and so generously anywhere."

Other letters testify to the good fortune of those who had the opportunity to benefit by the grand comradeship of the Legion and the good times the writers had enjoyed at the club.

HE BOMBED HIS PALS

THE STORY OF A GERMAN PILOT

In 1934, a young German appeared at a civil flying school in Britain and signed on for a course of lessons. His name was Hubert Lehmann.

Tommy Rose, the record-breaker and now a test pilot, was one of the many who played a part in teaching Lehmann to fly.

"The little blighter had dinner at my place quite a few times. He was a morose young man but he made a very good pilot. He used to push off and fly round the country at week-ends—he came to know this country quite well," Rose remembers.

He says that Lehmann's excuse for learning to fly in Britain and not in his own country was that there were no facilities in the Fatherland. That story stamped him a liar.

Lehmann took his "A" ticket and put in a great many hours' solo flying. Then he disappeared—it was thought he had returned to Germany.

Came, eventually, the Battle of Britain. The Luftwaffe was soundly trounced. The great waves of bombers and fighters that came over were replaced by single "hit-and-run" raiders.

One of these single raiders—a Junkers 88—repeatedly attacked the aerodrome, now an R.A.F. flying school, at which Lehmann had learned to fly.

In "impossible weather" the lone raider would appear from the clouds and attempt to bomb the aerodrome. The pilot was obviously a bad weather expert and one who knew the countryside.

But the German pilot played his game once too often. He had dropped his stick of bombs near the aerodrome and was making his getaway when a Spitfire appeared and shot the Ju. 88 down. The pilot escaped by parachute and was taken prisoner.

A few days later the instructors and staff at the flying school received a message from a prisoner-of-war camp. It was from the lone raider—Hubert Lehmann. In it he expressed the hope that his old friends were all intact.

The reply was curt. "We seem to have taught you to fly fairly well—maybe we should have taught you how to drop bombs. You're quite hopeless, and everybody is quite intact," they told the young man who tried to bomb his pals.

TEMPLARS' ABSENT FRIENDS

The weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., on Tuesday, took the form of messages from absent friends. The Chief Templar, Miss O. Ware, presided.

Visitors included Mrs. Lowe, who tendered fraternal greetings from the Advance Lodge, and Miss Pottle, who gave greetings from the Sunbeam Lodge.

It was decided to extend an invitation to the East Kent District Lodge to hold the quarterly session at Broadstairs on Saturday, 16th May.

The intercession service was of an impressive nature, on account of the many messages from absent friends, and was conducted by the lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

Among those sending messages were Mrs. F. Perry, President of the B.W.T.A.U., Mrs. Sydney Smith, Mrs. James, G.S.J.W., Mr. D. D. James, D.I.C.T., Mr. H. H. Lomax, Mrs. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hope, Miss I. Britton, Mrs. Fairbrass, Mrs. Whittle, Mrs. Whiteley, Miss E. Whitehead, Mr. M. D. Faulkner, Rev. P. W. James, O.B.E., R.A.F., Flt. Lt. and Mrs. E. McCabe, Sig. H. McCabe, R.C.S., Pte. R. Pointer, Pioneer Corps, and L/Cpl. T. Lockwood, R.A.S.C.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. FOSSEY

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery last week of Mr. Alexander Fossey, of 38 Hertford-street, Ramsgate, whose death following a fall was announced in our last issue.

Mr. Fossey, who was 87 years of age, was for a number of years in business as an upholsterer and furniture dealer in Margate. He was a son of the late Mr. Charles Henry Fossey, of St. Helena's-road, Hastings.

Mr. Fossey had eight children. One of his sons, Mr. A. D. H. Fossey, who has considerable business interests in Florida, is a former Mayor of Miami. A daughter is also living at Florida and two other daughters at Sittingbourne, Kent.

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Thurs. Mar. 5	3	THE FEMININE TOUCH Meet the Missus	A U	Rosalind Russell, Don Ameche, Kay Francis Roscoe Karns, Ruth Donnelly
Sun. Mar. 8	1	VIRGINIA CITY Full Supporting Programme	U	Errol Flynn, Miriam Hopkins, Randolph Scott
Mon. Mar. 9	3	WILD GEESE CALLING We Go Fast	A U	Henry Fonda, Joan Bennett Lynn Bari, Alan Curtis
Thurs. Mar. 12	3	SUSPICION Jail House Blues	A U	Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine Nat Pendleton Anne Gwynne
Sun. Mar. 15	1	DR. EHRLICH'S MAGIC BULLET The Briggs Family	A U	Edward G. Robinson, Otto Kruger Edward Chapman, Mary Clare, Jane Baxter
Mon. Mar. 16	3	LYDIA Fighting Marshal	A U	Merle Oberon, Edna May Oliver, John Halliday Richard Dix, Florence Rice
Thurs. Mar. 19	3	HOLD THAT GHOST Forced Landing	A U	Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Richard Carlson Richard Arlen J. Carrol Naish
Sun. Mar. 22	1	THE DEVIL BAT George and Margaret	A U	Bela Lugosi, Suzanne Kaaren Marie Lohr, Judy Kelly
Mon. Mar. 23	3	THE GAY FALCON The Mexican Spitfire's Baby	A U	George Sanders, Wendy Barrie Lupe Velez, Leon Errol
Thurs. Mar. 26	3	HATTER'S CASTLE Henry Aldrich for President	A	Robert Newton, Deborah Kerr, Emlyn Williams Jimmy Lydon, June Preisser
Sun. Mar. 29	1	ANGELS OVER BROADWAY Convicted Woman	A A	Douglas Fairbanks, Rita Hayworth Rochelle Hudson, Frieda Inescourt
Mon. Mar. 30	3	IT STARTED WITH EVE Mr. Dynamite	U A	Deanna Durbin, Charles Laughton, Robert Cummings Lloyd Nolan, Irene Hervey, Robert Armstrong
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NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Relatives are invited to notify The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, of particulars concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

NEW VICAR

ST. LAWRENCE APPOINTMENT

In succession to the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper, who is now Vicar of Bicester, near Oxford, the Rev. John Hartley Roundhill, M.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sittingbourne, has accepted the living of St. Lawrence, Ramsgate.

Mr. Roundhill, who was educated at Keble College, Oxford, was ordained deacon in 1922 and for two years was curate at St. Mark's, Portsmouth. In 1924 he went to Ashford, Kent, as a curate and for three years before going to Sittingbourne in 1930 was in charge of Christ Church.

WOMEN'S CHAT

CORNED BEEF RECIPES

Here are some helpful recipes for making appetising dishes of corned beef with the aid of Oxo cubes.

Winter Hot-Pot.

3 rations of corned beef (6d. worth)
2 Oxo cubes
2 cups shredded mixed vegetables (carrot, swede, artichoke, etc.)
1 small onion or piece of leek, finely chopped
Small piece of dripping
8 ozs. flour
3 ozs. chopped suet

Melt the dripping in a medium sized saucepan or casserole and fry the vegetables lightly. Add 2 cups water and the crumbled Oxo cubes and stir until they are dissolved. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Prepare the suet pastry and roll to a round the size of the saucepan. Put into the pan the corned beef cut in cubes and seasoning to taste. Place the suet crust on top of the meat and vegetables, cover and cook gently for 20 minutes, or bake for 30 minutes. Serve in the casserole or on a hot dish with the crust cut in portions. Four servings.

Corned Beef "Hash."

8 ozs. corned beef
1½ lbs. potatoes
Small piece fat
1 Oxo cube
1 small onion if possible, or a teaspoonful chopped parsley

Dissolve the Oxo in a small cupful of hot water. Peel the potatoes and cut them into ½in. dice. Dice the meat also and mix the potatoes and minced onion or parsley. Season and moisten with the Oxo stock. Melt the fat in a heavy frying pan. When smoking hot put in the meat and vegetable mixture and press down to form a flat cake. Cover closely and cook over gentle heat for about 40 minutes when the potatoes should be cooked and the underside of the cake crisp and brown. Fold over, turn on to a hot dish and garnish with parsley. Four servings.

Corned Beef Pie.

3 rations of corned beef (6d. worth)
1 cup finely shredded raw vegetables (carrot, potato, leek, swede, etc.)
1 Oxo cube
1 teaspoonful chopped parsley
Small piece fat
Short crust pastry (6 ozs. flour, 3 ozs. fat)
1 dessertspoonful flour

Melt the fat in a small pan and lightly fry the vegetable. Stir in the flour and cook a few minutes Add 1 cup of cold water and the crumbled Oxo cube. Stir until thickened. Draw off the heat, add cubed meat, parsley and seasoning to taste. Line a small plate with pastry and spread it with the meat mixture. Cover with pastry, seal the edges and decorate with pastry leaves. Bake in a moderate oven 30 minutes. Four servings.

Shepherds Pie with Corned Beef.

3 rations of corned beef (6d. worth)
½ slice wheatmeal bread
1 cup cooked diced carrots
1 Oxo cube
1 dessertspoonful chopped parsley
1½ lbs. potatoes, freshly cooked

Dissolve the Oxo in a large cup of hot water. Crumble the bread. Chop the crusts and the meat. Mix together all ingredients except the potatoes. Moisten with the Oxo stock and season if necessary. Turn into a greased pie dish. Mash the potatoes nicely with a little margarine and/or milk. Spread over the meat mixture, smooth and decorate with a wet knife and bake in a moderately hot oven 30 minutes. Four servings.

Corned Beef Cakes.

8 ozs. corned beef
1 small cupful browned crumbs
1 dessertspoonful flour
1 teaspoonful chopped parsley
8 ozs. mashed potato
1 Oxo cube
Small piece fat

Dissolve the Oxo in a cupful of hot water and let it cool. Flake the meat, mix it with the parsley, potato and half the crumbs. Melt the fat, blend the flour with it, cook a few minutes and then stir in the Oxo stock. Cook until it thickens, stirring all the time. Bind the meat mixture with this sauce and seasoning if necessary. Form into flat cakes, roll in crumbs and press them on. Heat in a well-greased frying pan or baking tin. About eight small cakes.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices, Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Oddfellow's Death.—The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Wednesday of Mr. Henry Sayer, of 6 Salisbury-avenue, who passed away at the age of 71 years. A native of Ramsgate and a member of the M.U. Oddfellows, Mr. Sayer had been employed on the outdoor staff of the Corporation. He leaves a widow, two sons, two daughters and two step-daughters.

St. Lawrence Wedding.—The wedding took place by special license at St. Lawrence Church last week of L/Bdr. William Wright, R.A., youngest son of the late Mr. Wright and Mrs. Baker, of Woodlands, Doncaster, to Miss Violet Lambert, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. Lambert and Mrs. Lambert, of 2 Grosvenor-road, Ramsgate. Given away by her brother, Mr. Ernest Lambert, the bride, who wore a rust coloured dress, brown coat and hat, with accessories to match, was attended by her sister, Miss Olive Lambert, who wore a navy blue coat and hat. Mr. Jack Ward acted as best man. The honeymoon was spent at Doncaster, the home of the bridegroom before he joined up.

BROADSTAIRS

Trades Council Delegate.—Mr. T. W. Eden, of Broadstairs, has been appointed Isle of Thanet delegate to the annual conference of the Trades Councils.

Wool Fund Whist.—A whist drive organised by Holy Trinity Women's Guild, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, realised £1 7s. 6d. for the wool fund. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Padbury.

Captain's Death.—The funeral took place at Cheltenham of Capt. Willis Henry Gibbings, of the Harrison Line, a former resident of Broadstairs, who died as the result of war service.

Life in the Congo.—A picture of life in the Congo, based on 30 years' experience, was presented at Queen's-road Baptist Church, Broadstairs, last week, by the Rev. W. D. Reynolds, a member of the Baptist Missionary Society engaged in the training of native preachers. The interested congregation included a contingent of troops, to whom a welcome was extended by the Minister, the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, and the collections during the day realised £7 9s. 6d. for the Baptist Missionary Society.

MARGATE

Former Park-keeper's Death.—Coachman to the late Dr. Bertram Thornton and family for 26 years, Mr. Robert Foreman, of 6 Flint-row, Margate, has died at the age of 77 years. When Dr. Thornton died 29 years ago, Mr. Foreman became a gardener at Dane Park, where he rose to the position of park-keeper, retiring in 1930. Mr. Foreman, whose wife died two years ago, is survived by one son, another son having been killed in the last war.

FARMER-MAGISTRATE

DEATH OF MAJOR G. KELSEY BURGE

A Thanet farmer for 30 years, Major George Kelsey Burge died at his home in Bournemouth last week at the age of 79 years.

Until he retired and went to live in Bournemouth in 1924, Major Kelsey Burge farmed Dent de Lion, Garlinge, for 30 years, and during the latter part of the time also farmed Hengrove.

In 1907 Major Kelsey Burge was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Cinque Ports division.

Major Kelsey Burge married a sister of Mr. George Hogbin, of Way Farm, Minster.

THANET TRADES COUNCIL

At the February meeting of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, the secretary, Mr. D. M. Hughes, reported that several of the trade union branches whose affiliation had lapsed during the evacuation period of 1940, had notified their intention to reaffiliate.

Upon hearing the report of Messrs. Hughes and Crump regarding the Kent conference on national savings, the meeting decided to give 100 per cent. support to the scheme and the names of several trade union speakers were submitted to be "on call" for addressing meetings of workers inside and outside factories or workshops.

Reports were presented by delegates regarding the opening of the new canteen for miners at Chislet Colliery, the enrolment of the employees of the Isle of Thanet Gas, Light and Coke Co., Margate, as members of the N.U.G. & M. workers and the establishment of a branch of the F.B. Union in every town in the local fire forces area.

INCREASE FOR COUNTY ROADMEN

On the award of the National Joint Council, the wages of road employees of the Kent County Council have been increased.

The award provides for three instead of four zones, the two lowest in the county being amalgamated.

On an average working week throughout the year of 47 hours, the basic weekly wage, including a war wage increase, for the lowest paid able-bodied adult roadmen has been fixed at 56s., 60s. and 66s. in the three zones respectively.

These wages represent increases of from 4s. to 7s. a week as from the first pay day after 19th June, 1941. The estimated cost to the County Council for the current financial year is £11,180 and for a full financial year £14,700.

BOXING AT RAMSGATE

In aid of the local Air Training Corps Welfare Fund, a boxing tournament is to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Friday.

An excellent programme of contests has been arranged and Service boxers will figure prominently on the bill.

Prices of admission are 3s. 6d., 2s., and 1s., and tickets are obtainable only from Mr. J. B. Butler, The Market, and Mr. Wing, Spotter's Box, Clarendon House.

EARLIER SUNDAY POSTING

As from Sunday next, Sunday mails from Ramsgate postal area will be despatched earlier than usual.

The new times of collections on Sundays will be as follows:

Ramsgate head office—5.30 p.m.

Town posting boxes—between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Broadstairs (Broadway)—4.30 p.m.

Town posting boxes—between 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m.

Minster and rural areas—between 3 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.

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Do you ever grumble because the post is late?

If you do, or even if you don't, make sure that all letters which you send are properly addressed, and so help to facilitate the work of Post Office staffs.

Many skilled Post Office workers have been called up for service with the Forces and substitutes who have had to be found in the sorting rooms are inevitably less experienced than those whose places they are temporarily filling.

There are a few golden rules which should be observed. They are: On postal communications always put the name of the town, the name of the county, and in the case of London and other big cities the initials of the postal district and the number of the office of delivery.

All these particulars facilitate sorting, especially when the place of destination of the correspondence is not well known, or is one of several of the same name—i.e., Newport, Newton, Sutton, or Stoke.

Delay of correspondence and mistakes in delivery are due in the main to the use of incorrect or incomplete postal addresses.

Type or write the address legibly in the lower part of the front of the envelope, with a clear margin above (not less than 1½ inches deep) for the postage stamps and post-marks, leaving the left-hand bottom corner blank. It assists materially if capital letters are used for the name of the post town.

Another important point to remember is that if a house has a number as well as a name the number should always be given. Think of the poor postman, probably new to the job, who has to walk up a long avenue looking for "Chez Nous," or "Mon Repos."

"SAFER IN THE AIR!"

A young Australian wing commander in charge of a Beaufighter squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force in this country, tells his pilots a story of a parachute jump during the Battle of Britain to illustrate his view that "safety lies in the air."

The wing commander, who has the D.F.C. and a "bag" of half a dozen enemy aircraft, was then a flight lieutenant in a Spitfire squadron which was in the thick of the fighting. He was leading a flight over south-eastern England when his oxygen apparatus "blew up." The cockpit was set on fire.

"The situation," he says, "called for a pretty quick exit from the plane. I was upside down when the parachute began to open but somehow it didn't go according to book. My feet became enveloped in the thing. I wriggled and kicked and finally saw the 'brollie' float up and open. I gave a great sigh of relief.

"I landed in a potato field, badly winded. But before I could get up half a dozen land girls came running up with pitch forks, a spade, and a hoe. I called out 'Hello, girls, help me out of my "brollie," will you?'

"Seeing I wasn't a Hun, they dropped their weapons and asked if they could get me a car or an ambulance. Suddenly they dived for their implements again, yelling 'Hold off, hold off,' and I looked round to see them running at a Home Guard who was stalking me 200 yards away with a rifle to his shoulder.

"Saved again, I breathed another sigh of relief; and when the ambulance came I thought I was really safe. But within half a mile it took a bend too fast and turned over.

"I scrambled out with a few more bruises, and was then picked up by a fire engine dashing to the spot where my Spitfire was burning itself out.

"The fire engine, too, ended up a minute later in the ditch.

"After that I decided to walk."

And that is why the wing commander always tells his pilots that they are safer in the air.

ONLY ONE DRUNK

SOBER BROADSTAIRS

At the annual brewster sessions held at Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, on Wednesday, it was announced that, where the renewal fees had been paid, all existing licenses would be renewed.

The report prsented by Supt. H. C. Wheatley, K.C.C., stated that 46 licensed premises in the area—31 ale houses, one beer off license and 14 grocers' licenses—were open. Twenty-two premises—13 ale houses, nine grocers' licenses—were closed for the duration.

During the year no licensee had been proceded against but one person had been convicted of drunkenness.

Mr. W. V. Brett, who presided over the bench, said the report was very satisfactory and he hoped it would be up to the same standard next year.

RAMSGATE'S SAVINGS

Ramsgate's contribution to the national savings movement for the week ended 14th February amounted to £1,753.

The sum was made up of £687 in Savings Certificates, £35 in Defence Bonds and an increase of £1,031 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

AN UNIQUE FOOD BEVERAGE

A great many people of all classes have discovered the fact that a first-class food beverage is exactly what they require, to keep them going and give them a zest for their work. More and more have realised the fact that in connection with food beverages there is one which really "fills the bill." This is Ovaltine—the food beverage which has won the complete confidence of the medical and nursing professions and which has for long been the great stand-by in countless thousands of homes throughout the country.

There is no exaggeration in saying that this food beverage stands in a class by itself. In evidence of this it may be stated that it is prepared to an exclusive formula and by a process devised and perfected by the makers, neither of which can be copied. It is the supreme food beverage, because it is all sheer concentrated nourishment, easily and completely digestible and one which provides the vital nutritive elements needed for building up robust health, vitality and fitness of body, brain and nerves. It possesses the special property of making milk and all foods taken in conjunction with it more digestible and much more nourishing.

If further evidence of its quality be required it is only necessary to add that it has gained the Blue Seal Certificate of the Institute of Hygiene (the highest award obtainable) in recognition of its maintenance of quality and merit over a period of 27 years. It is the only food beverage to have gained this award; in fact, very few firms of any kind have gained this distinction.

Take Ovaltine as the usual mealtime beverage and note the change for the better in your general health and nerve strength.

REGULAR SAVINGS

GROUPS DRIVE AT RAMSGATE

When Ramsgate Warship Week comes to an end on 21st March it is hoped that every street in the town will have its own savings group, or be affiliated to a savings group.

The group savings movement in Ramsgate has made remarkable strides since War Weapons Week, and it is hoped that Warship Week will give it added impetus.

At the exhibition will be a large diagram showing the area in the town not already covered by groups and appealing for volunteers for group secretaries.

Group saving is regular saving, and every man, woman and child should be a member of a group.

The latest group to be formed is that embracing Chatham-street, the hon. secretary being Mrs. Danton, of 29 Chatham-street. This week a further group is being formed in High-street, St. Lawrence. The hon. secretary is Mr. A. W. Terrell.

Since a number of schools have re-opened in the town, school savings have forged ahead. The Hereson School group has between 200 and 300 members and satisfactory reports have been received of the progress of the Christ Church, Dame Janet Juniors, Dame Janet Infants and St. Lawrence Schools groups.

In connection with Warship Week the head teachers of the schools are arranging an essay competition, for which savings stamps will be given as prizes.

The Isle of Thanet Trades Council are taking an active interest in the savings movement and arrangements are being made for workers to be addressed by men from a trade union panel of speakers, emphasising the necessity for regular saving.

The emblem for Ramsgate Warship Week is a lifebelt on a blue background, on sale price sixpence, and demand is already exceeding the supply. A thousand emblems have been sent to Mr. F. J. White, of St. George's Central School, for sale in Stafford.

GROUPS' BIG PART

IN BROADSTAIRS WARSHIP WEEK

The various savings groups in Broadstairs and St. Peter's will play a large part in the Warship Week which opens on 7th March.

The Northdown-road group, under its hon. secretary, Mrs. A. E. Davis, has decided to introduce an additional incentive to save during Warship Week by having as a special objective the provision of six lifebelts for use on the destroyer H.M.S. Thanet. This is an extremely praiseworthy effort, and it is hoped that other savings groups in the town will follow this example and select an objective of their own. There are many items of equipment that can be chosen as objectives, and there is no doubt that by having an individual objective to aim at, savings groups are encouraged to make even greater efforts but, at the same time, they are still helping the main objective of Warship Week.

If group secretaries are interested in this scheme the hon. secretary of the Local Savings Committee at the Council Offices will be pleased to give them any information they require.

It is very gratifying to the Warship Week Committee to know that savings groups throughout the town are making every effort to be ready to take their part in the Week, and many new members have been enrolled. As an example of the enthusiasm evident among the groups, Mrs. J. Boyd, the hon. secretary of the St. Mildred's-avenue and district savings group, reports that one of her members, aged only 2½ years, has now managed to secure £9 in National Savings Certificates by saving threepence at a time. This is just typical of the spirit throughout the groups and yet another instance to prove the excellence of the group saving system. Such fine achievements serve as examples for everyone, and the success of Warship Week and of national savings in general should be assured.

As residents already know, the Warship Week objective of Broadstairs and St. Peter's is to raise, by way of savings, the sum of £62,000 as the town's share in the purchase of a destroyer to replace H.M.S. Thanet, but it is obvious that such a large sum cannot be obtained unless everyone makes a special effort, so that if you are a member of a savings group, it is your duty to make an increased investment during Warship Week. If, however, you are not already a member of a savings group, join one now. The address of the secretary of the group nearest to your house can be obtained at the Council Offices. If, on the other hand, there is not a group in your street, it is your duty to start one now. The work is very simple, and yet it is a big contribution towards the national effort. The success of Warship Week must be everyone's aim and it is your chance to repay the Navy for the wonderful work they have done since the outbreak of the war.

Broadstairs savings figures for the week ended 14th February are: National Savings Certificates £296, Defence Bonds £70, Post Office savings £380, making a total of £746.

SALVATION ARMY WEDDING

Two popular members of the Salvation Army at Ramsgate were united by the wedding at the local Citadel last week of Mr. Raymond Victor Baker, third son of Songster Leader and Mrs. H. Baker, of 133 Crescent-road, and Miss Mary Jane Elizabeth Freeman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Freeman, of 75 Winstanley-crescent.

The bridegroom is on service with the Royal Engineers.

Given away by her father, the bride, who wore Salvation Army uniform, carried a shower bouquet of daffodils and white heather, and was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen Freeman, who wore a dress of royal blue, and Songster Marjorie Copley, friend, who wore Salvation Army uniform. The bridesmaids carried posies of daffodils and heather.

Major Easey conducted the choral service, at which the hymns sung were "Lord we ask Thy richest blessing" and "We pray Thee, Lord, Thy blessing send." Mrs. Copley rendered the solo "A song in my heart" and the Songster Brigade, under Bandmaster Copley, sang "He brought the sunlight to me." Mrs. H. Kelson was at the organ.

For the honeymoon at Faversham the bride travelled in a navy blue outfit, with green accessories.

"We shall neither secure nor deserve victory until the home front shows the spirit of self-sacrifice and whole-hearted effort demanded by the gravity of the situation."—Cmdr. King-Hall, M.P.

ARE WE FIT FOR FREEDOM

SOME DISQUIETING SIGNS

By DOUGLAS GOLDRING

Those of us who regard the restoration of civil liberty and the destruction of political, social and economic tyranny, wherever they are rampant, as among our principal war aims, have had some painful and eye-opening experiences during the past two years. In order to enjoy the blessings of freedom a nation must not only passionately desire those blessings, but must be morally and spiritually worthy of them.

The essence of real freedom is summed up in the familiar English slogan "Live and let live," which is only a shortened form of the injunction in the English catechism that our duty to our neighbour is to "do to all men as I would they should do unto me." To what extent are we showing ourselves worthy of the liberty for which the best and bravest of our compatriots are working, fighting and enduring great privations?

All around us we see robbery by means of "black markets" and other war-time rackets, the selfish greed of those who are making large profits out of essential industries and, particularly in country districts, the cruel persecution by local busybodies of evacuees who have been bombed out of their homes in the big cities. The spectacle is not encouraging, except, perhaps, to those who secretly desire to turn England into a "servile state."

"Busybodied" Evacuees.

From my own experiences I could give many examples of the kind of poisonous gossip and un-neighbourly interference which so often makes the lives of evacuated townsfolk intolerable and adds to the difficulties of our evacuation authorities. The following story, however, has been given publicity in a Sunday newspaper and may be regarded as characteristic of what goes on in safe areas. Recently two young women, each with two children under four, left the security of the Yorkshire village to which they had been evacuated and returned to London. Both of them had been bombed out of their homes and both have husbands serving in the forces. When asked why she was returning to the danger zone, one of the women replied: "When we lived in the East End everybody helped everybody else, no one interfered with us and we lived our own lives. Here for nearly a year people have 'busybodied,' some have complained of us to the N.S.P.C.C. and other authorities, and life is rendered so intolerable by interference that we prefer to go back and chance it."

Rural "gentry," who ought to set a good example, are often the worst offenders. Evacuees who are driven by loneliness to visit the local pub, and are seen entertaining soldier acquaintances not infrequently run the risk of incurring the squire or the vicar's denunciation. They may well ask if this is the sort of "liberty" for which their menfolk are fighting, and for which they themselves have endured the horrors of the blitz, with stubborn courage and without complaint. I heard recently of the experiences of a Canadian soldier's wife who took a furnished cottage in a village not far from a military camp. When she entertained some of her husband's friends—alas on bottled beer—she was denounced as a loose woman, accused of plying soldiers with drink and rudely told to get out by her landlord. Shortly before this, when a taxidriver's wife and children arrived in the village, after having been bombed out of their home in a coastal town, the alleged "loose woman," who was in fact a kind-hearted and motherly middle-aged woman, was the only person who could be found to take them in and look after them.

Exhausted workers in the A.R.P. and N.F.S., who sought a few days' rest in the country, after days and nights of heroic service in the last big attack on London, often found their reception in "safe areas" little more friendly than that accorded to evacuees. Hotel-keepers robbed them and at the same time complained of extra work, shop-keepers regarded them with open hostility, and the local inhabitants looked askance at them as "strangers."

How Suspicions Start.

In the now luckily far-off days of "silent columns" and "Mr. Sensibles," the readiness of rural populations to denounce evacuated townsfolk to the police as spies and "fifth columnists," if they were heard to make any political comment at all critical of the Government in power, showed how easy it would be to establish a fascist "gestapo" in feudal England. There would be just as many informers and denouncers in some of our country villages as there are in Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy or "Franco" Spain. Shortly after the outbreak of war, a friend of the writer, an admirer of Mr. Churchill, freely expressed the view that "Churchill ought to be Prime Minister," in the village in which he had gone to reside after leaving London. His remarks, although obviously inspired by patriotic ardour, were at once reported to the police constable. The constable, thereupon, polished his helmet and went off to consult the local great lady. The great lady considered the matter and eventually decided that the newcomer should be given the benefit of the doubt, in view of the fact that his two sons were in the Army. Later, he encountered the great lady on the village common and, while passing the time of day, discussed with her our recent air activities. Purely to make conversation and, primed, no doubt, by a fiery article which he had just been reading, he remarked that it was a pity we did not "bomb Berlin." To his surprise, his innocent comment was anything but well-received. Later he discovered, to his amazement, that the lady was spreading the report that he had "run down our gallant Air Force!" He acted with promptitude and despatch. A libel action was averted, but the rumour set in motion had reached the commander of the local Home Guard, who improved on it by warning his men that the would-be bomber of Berlin was a "Dutch Quisling" who earned money by signalling to enemy aircraft!

The moral to be drawn from these and a thousand similar stories of the poisonous gossip, cruelty and un-neighbourliness of certain rural communities in war-time, is the one with which this article began. If we want to enjoy the blessings of freedom, when the war is over, if we wish to escape the horrors of the "servile state" of which Germany is now so foul an example, we must, like our forefathers, be worthy of the liberty we prize so highly. The willingness to "live and let live," which makes evacuated East-Enders return to face the danger of the blitz, must, somehow, be acclimatised in those parts of our beloved island "where every prospect pleases." At present, there seem to be a good many "safe areas" where the inhabitants have a lot to learn.

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GOOD WORK IS CHEAPEST

BONUS COST GOES UP

It was reported at the quarterly meeting of the Kent County Council that officers earning up to £524 would now participate in the war bonus scheme which had hitherto been confined to employees earning not more than £320 a year.

The cost of the bonuses has consequently risen from £32,000 to £38,000.

KILLED IN ACTION

BIRCHINGTON R.A.F. SERGEANT'S DEATH

Sgt. Albert John Pettman, R.A.F., son of the late Mr. George H. Pettman and of Mrs. Pettman, of Crescent-road, Birchington, has been killed on active service.

Twenty-seven years of age, Sgt. Pettman, who was a wireless operator-air gunner, took part in the search for the German ships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau when they escaped from Brest, but was not engaged in the action.

An old boy of Margate Central School, Sgt. Pettman was a prominent sportsman and played for both Birchington Football and Cricket Clubs.

MORE LITERATURE

At their monthly meeting the Thanet Trades Council had before them circulars relating to the new Fire Prevention Order and the operation of Paragraph 7 in Article 4 of the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order.

The meeting discreetly decided that supplies of the literature, together with copies of the Order, should be circulated to all branches.

WAR-TIME DARTS LEAGUE

Positions and points to 21st February:

	Games played	Points
Oddfellows	12	67
Royal Navy	12	64
Working Men's Club	12	63
National Fire Service	12	59
First-Aid Party	12	53
Home Guard	12	45
British Legion	11	37
Royal Artillery	11	35

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Carrett.—11th February, at 52 Manston-road, Ramsgate, the wife of E. Carrett, of a son

Hodges.—11th February, at Tunbridge Wells, the wife of Neville Hodges, of Waverley, Prince's-avenue, Newington, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Baker—Freeman.—19th February, at Ramsgate Salvation Army Citadel, by Major Easey, Raymond Victor Baker, R.E., to Mary Jane Elizabeth Freeman, both of Ramsgate.

Betts—Harlow.—14th February, at St. Ambrose Church, Bristol, John Betts, of Bristol, to Margaret Joan Harlow, of Garlinge.

Cohen—Sheppard.—21st February, at St. Leonard's Church, Deal, by Canon E. D. Bowser, Ronald Arthur Cohen, of Deal, to Doris May Sheppard, of Ramsgate.

Wright—Lambert.—17th February, by special license at St. Lawrence Church, William Wright, R.A., of Doncaster, to Violet Lambert, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Adams.—12th February, at Highcliffe, Ramsgate-road, Westwood, Richard Adams, aged 63 years.

Foreman.—17th February, Robert Foreman, of 6 Flint-row, Margate.

Green.—18th February, at Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, Ernest Robert Green, aged 54 years.

Hayward.—14th February, at West Middlesex Hospital, Arthur William Hayward, late of Margate, aged 83 years.

Jordan.—15th February, at 53 Helena-avenue, Margate, Charlotte Jordan, aged 79 years.

Shelvey.—16th February, Minnie, the dearly-loved eldest daughter of the late James and Jane Shelvey, of Broadstairs, after long suffering.—"Peace, perfect peace."

Tumber.—17th February, at Margate Hospital, Edward John Tumber, of Tanuda, Garden Estate, Birchington, aged 3 months.

IN MEMORIAM

Mirams.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Eliza Jane Mirams, who passed away 22nd February, 1939, aged 68 years.

A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant at our hearth
Which never can be filled.

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